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The Honorable John F. Kerry
Chairman
Subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics,
and International Operations
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kerry:

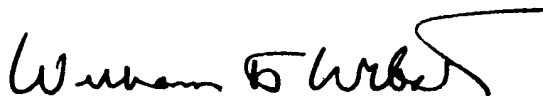
I welcomed the opportunity to meet with you and discuss your concerns about John Hull and your request for assistance in the Subcommittee's narcotics investigation. This is the kind of open and unencumbered exchange that I believe we must have between the Agency and Congress. Following the meeting, I directed that my staff conduct an in-depth review of the issues which arose during our discussions and report back to me. The Agency is prepared to assist you and your Subcommittee's investigation and will provide you with reporting on drug smuggling prepared by the Directorate of Intelligence prior to the commencement of your hearings.

Concerning John Hull, I can assure you that he is not receiving any support from the Agency, and we have no reason to believe that any other element of the United States Government is supplying such support. As you will recall, you were briefed on John Hull on 15 October 1986 following the Hasenfus crash. My staff is prepared to provide you with an update if you wish.

We are both aware of the findings made during the various Iran/Contra investigations. I believe that further comment on Hull's activities is appropriately left to the Department of Justice and Judge Walsh's office, which may shed additional light on the activities about which you are concerned. I can assure you, however, consistent with Executive Order 12333, that no Agency asset is ever instructed or encouraged to lobby Congress or to attempt to influence United States public opinion. If John Hull did in fact engage in these activities, including any personal criticism of you, it was strictly at his own initiative and certainly was not sanctioned by the Agency at any time. At the same time, I am certain that you understand that in the final analysis we cannot stop any private United States citizen who is determined to speak to members of Congress or the media.

Finally, I want to assure you once again that you will enjoy this Agency's fullest possible cooperation during the course of the Subcommittee's investigation.

Sincerely yours,



William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence



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December 1, 1987

The Honorable William H. Webster
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Dear Judge Webster:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me this afternoon to discuss my concerns about the activities of John Hull and our investigation of the narcotics problem.

As I indicated in the meeting, over the last several weeks I have personally reviewed the Iran-Contra Report, many of the depositions taken by the Select Committee, depositions and testimony taken by the Foreign Relations Committee, and a variety of related materials.

This review led me to conclude that John Hull worked as an asset of the U.S. intelligence community for a long period of time. During that period, Hull did a variety of things inconsistent with his status. He lobbied Congress on a number of occasions, interfered with an ongoing Congressional investigation, delivered false affidavits to the U.S. Attorney in Miami and the Senate Ethics Committee, and engaged in a campaign of public defamation directed at me.

The materials further suggest that these actions were known to and coordinated by Mr. Hull's government handlers. Moreover, there is credible evidence that Mr. Hull continues to operate along the same lines under the protection of guards supplied indirectly by the United States Government.

You said that you would investigate the issues and report back to me, and further, that you would explore ways in which the public record on this issue could be clarified.

Your staff assistant said that from time to time, CIA agents and assets lobbied Congress, but that when that lobbying occurred it was at the request of a member and that the Intelligence Committee was informed.

Your willingness to investigate the situation and report back is greatly appreciated.

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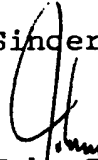
In my view, a complete report would tell me: whether Hull is currently under the protection of the United States Government, if so who is paying for it and why; when Hull lobbied the Congress, what the issues he lobbied for were and who was informed of his activities; whether the false affidavits he sent to the U.S. Attorney were with the knowledge or at the direction of any employee of the intelligence community; as well as any information you are aware of regarding John Hull's effort to discredit the Congressional investigation into the private aid network and narcotics trafficking.

As I discussed, it is my belief that the best way to clear the public record would be for you to issue a public statement acknowledging the impropriety of Hull's behavior while he was your asset and outlining the steps you have taken to correct the situation and insure that there will be no similar problems in the future.

Needless to say, the entire episode raises serious Constitutional questions. The legislative branch, or a member thereof, as a matter of law, should not be the target of intelligence activities. I know you are well aware of and committed to the need to keep the intelligence community from interfering with any investigation of its improprieties. As the facts have shown, my investigation in the Spring and Summer of 1986 was anything but frivolous and the interference with it which was manifest, raises as many questions as the underlying events.

Again, let me express my appreciation to you for meeting with me and my confidence that you will handle this problem appropriately and expeditiously.

Sincerely,


John F. Kerry
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